

## The Kingdom Of God: Faith

*I haven't really got 'green fingers'. When I buy plants for the garden it is as if I am inviting them home to die. So I thought that small fruit tree might survive the 'kiss-of death' this half term and purchased three of them. Whilst my 5 year old daughter helped with the digging and watering, she asked me, 'How long it would be before I can pick the fruit?' ... rapidly followed by the statement, 'I think I'll just sit and watch them grow.' Deep down I was just hoping that I didn't manage to kill the trees off before the first harvest!*

*This week sees the Kingdom of God compared to a tree. Like the tree, the Kingdom of God will grow, even though we won't necessarily see it growing. It will bear fruit and all will be welcome to rest under its shade. It is not something that can be destroyed. The Kingdom of God requires us simply to have faith ... the more faith [in action] we have, then the better Christians we will be and the bigger the Kingdom of God will become.*

*I have more faith in the Kingdom of God than I do in my gardening skills!*

[Mr Doust]



### Scripture:

“This is what the Lord God says: I myself will also take a young branch from the top of a cedar tree. And I will plant it. I will cut off a small twig. It will be from the top of the tree’s young branches. I will plant it on a high and great mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. Then it will grow branches and give fruit. And it will become a great cedar tree. Birds of every kind will build nests in it. They will live in the shelter of the tree’s branches. Then all the trees of the field will know that I am the Lord.”

### Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your great love and faithfulness. Thank You that we don’t have to strive to produce miracles. We just have to learn to trust You and let You plant us into the right circumstances in which our small seed of faith will be sufficient for You to work miracles. How exciting that is! Use the little seed we offer for Your purposes, dear Lord, in Jesus’ mighty name we pray. Amen.

